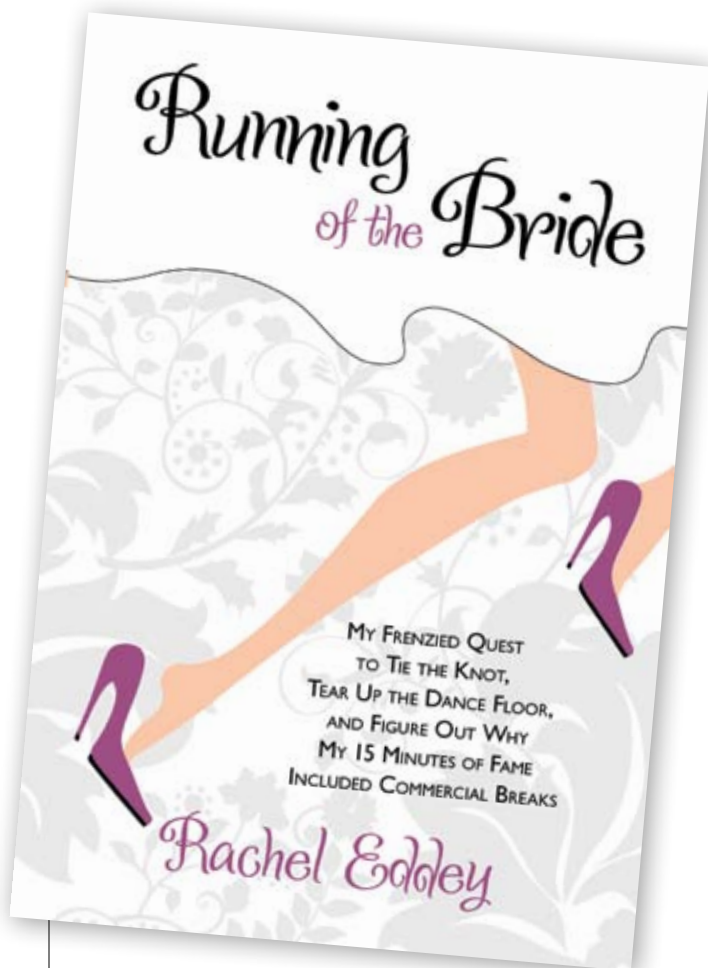


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Love comes in many forms: it can be lost, found, given, or taken. It can be unreturned, unrequited or unbelievably amazing. Though love defies all rational explanation or definition, you know it when you feel it. *The Singles*, *Comeback Love*, and *Running of the Bride* provide varied and unique views of this wonderfully mysterious thing called love.



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Running of the Bride: My Frenzied Quest to Tie the Knot, Tear Up the Dance Floor, and Figure Out Why My 15 Minutes of Fame Included Commercial Breaks by Rachel Eddey

Getting engaged is one of the more special moments in a woman's life. After years of envisioning how the event will unfold, the moment finally arrives. Overwhelmed by joy as he places the ring on your

finger, you gaze down at the sparkly symbol of eternal happiness and take the first step toward marital bliss.

Though the engagement part is wonderful, the best

is yet to come: planning the fairytale wedding you've always dreamed of. This fun, yet stressful challenge requires perfect timing, plenty of patience and the ability to make lots and lots of decisions. There's so much to accomplish and seemingly little time in which to do it.

In addition to all of the many details, both large and small, you must also determine who will be invited to witness this spectacular event—all while staying under budget and preventing the guest list from impersonating the population census of a small country.

In *Running of the Bride*, Rachel Eddey humorously relates her experience of being an extra on "Sex and the City," having her long-time boyfriend John propose to her on the set just prior to taping and the wonderful chaos that follows.

After her moment in the spotlight, Rachel spent the rest of the day in a rather giddy daze, receiving congratulations from well-wishing cast and crew, including leading lady, Sarah Jessica Parker. But, it wasn't until Kim Cattrall inquired that Rachel realized she hadn't even called her family with the news. She was overcome with guilt that the famously-fictional Carrie and Samantha

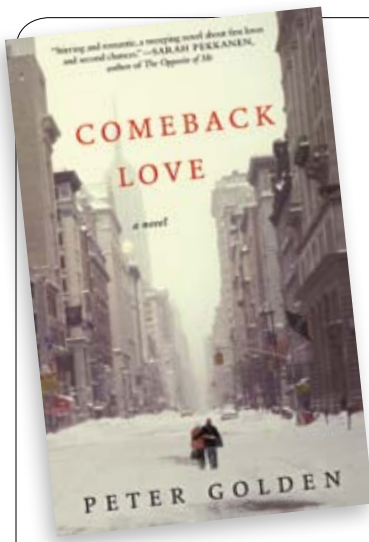
knew Rachel was engaged before her own mother did.

Secure in the notion that she had plenty of time to plan the perfect wedding, Rachel received one more surprise: the illustrious and sought-after Stage 6 had a last-minute cancellation, and her new fiancé was adamant that they jump at the opportunity.

With all the preparation that goes into a wedding, even having a full year or more to do it in can pose a challenge. Now, Rachel was going to have to pull together the happiest day of her life in a New York minute – or four months in normal time.

In a whirlwind of planning, Rachel jumped in with both feet. From braving the annual wedding dress sale at Filene's Basement, to entering every wedding-related contest she could find, Rachel and her girls work overtime to get it all done – even managing to tape not one, but two TLC reality shows, which forced her to overcome her irrational fear of dancing and her very real two left feet.

With her creative ingenuity, laughter and even a few tears, Rachel's tale will inspire, motivate and thoroughly entertain all readers, regardless of your marital status.



Comeback Love
by Peter Golden

In the 1960s, during a time of great political upheaval of the Vietnam War and the Women's Movement, Glenna and Gordon came of age, fell in love and embarked on a love affair so intense, it

threatened to consume them both. Trying to salvage what was left of herself, Glenna tearfully ended things and, soon after, Gordon was drafted.

Now, three decades later, Gordon has lived a full life, traveling the world as a consultant and raising a son. However, he has never gotten over losing Glenna all those years ago, and decides to make one last attempt to reunite with the only woman he has ever loved.

Told in alternating sequence of past and present, *Comeback Love* is a bittersweet, poignant story of passionate first love and heartbreaking loss. It's a testament that time may heal all wounds, but true love never dies.

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The Singles
by Meredith Goldstein

Beth is getting married. In addition to a few guests who neglected to redeem their plus-one, making seating

them a challenge, Beth's bridesmaid menagerie of old and new friends is proving to be just as tricky.

From Vicki and numerous attempts to cure her depression, Hannah's stress over seeing her ex-boyfriend for the first time since he left her, and newcomer Dawn, a beauty pageant coach who seems to be taking charge of everything, yet manages to dodge the responsibility for any negative consequences, Beth's big day promises to be quite interesting.

In Meredith Goldstein's debut novel, the focus is less on the bride and more on five of her closest friends as they navigate Beth's nuptials and come to terms with their own life issues. 🐼 🐼

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